

IAS Wednesday Morning Meeting
4 December 1974

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1. [] reported on the Executive Council Meeting he attended Tuesday:

a. Mr. Proctor announced his new setup for the Executive Council meetings. The Tuesday meeting will be at 1100 and will be more of a news meeting. Backbenchers are welcome. The Friday meeting will be at 1030 and will be a management session. Backbenchers will not be invited to attend. This Friday's agenda will cover two items: (1) the DDI Budget, and (2) arrangements for rationalizing relationships with the NIO system. Any office is encouraged to make inputs to the agenda for the management meetings.

b. Mr. Proctor asked OSR to prepare a paper relative to the Vladivostok agreements which would include the present force levels and projections from NIE 11-8. Mr. Proctor asked that a proposed piece for Wednesday's NID on this subject be held up until it could incorporate the information to be developed by OSR.

c. An NIE is to be prepared on Soviet capabilities in the Middle East. OPR is preparing a paper on the Soviet presence in Egypt.

d. The vacancy on the [] Committee caused by Herb Jenne's retirement will be filled temporarily by General Wilson of the IC Staff.

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e. ABC TV is planning a program on CIA. Former Agency officials selected for the program are [] Richard Bissell, Victor Marchetti, and [] Agee.

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f. Mr. Proctor reported that [] of the IG Staff is in serious condition and his health is deteriorating further.

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g. Relative to the antitrust suit against the major U.S. oil companies, the Department of Justice has submitted eight questions to CIA for which they would like Agency document support. A trial run by CRS indicates there are many documents which would be useful to the Attorney General but that a number of the more significant ones are questionable for release on the basis of exposure of source and methods. There is, therefore, a security release problem as well as a significant problem in finding personnel resources to process documents against the request. A proposal has been made to hire Agency retirees to scan the documents or request a dozen bright young lawyers from Justice who would be sworn to secrecy. The issue is unresolved.

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h. [] expressed his strong concern over the re-

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i. Mr. Colby reported on the NSC meeting where the Vladivostok trip was discussed. The incident on the negotiations was quite interesting and it was thought that these agreements will make China more flexible because of concern.

j. It was announced that Mr. Colby and [] would be briefing PFIAB this week on the new agreements and that the Disarmament Committee was convening a meeting in Washington and was also requesting information on the agreements.

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k. A Management Committee meeting was held Monday and two items were reported on: (1) [] was selected as the CIA representative to the COINS Committee, and (2) Mr. Proctor covered a discussion on the Freedom of Information Act which was recently passed over a Presidential veto and will become law on 20 February 1975. This act will have a profound influence on CIA, and the mechanisms to carry out this law will have to be established soonest. The resource requirements to process the expected level of requests is just not presently available within the Agency. The law is written so loosely that any person, agency, group, club, etc., can request information in a broad and non-explicit fashion with no time constraints. Requestors need not be citizens of the U.S. By way of illustration, Mr. Proctor noted that requests may well come in for satellite pictures of Washington, D.C. Mr. Proctor noted that the deadlines involved in the procedures spelled out by the law were so short that no bureaucracy would comply under the present situation. A requestor must be provided an answer within 10 days of receipt of his request. If the request is denied and the requestor appeals, an Agency review will be completed within 20 days. If appeal is denied, the matter reverts to the courts and the Agency has 30 days to respond. The court will require that they are provided the names of all individuals involved in handling the denial of the request. The judge is empowered to make the final decision. All court fees will be paid by the government which will encourage unlimited law suits by individuals with nothing to lose. If the court determines that capricious action ensued on the part of individuals involved in the denial of the request, these individuals will be subject to disciplinary action by the Civil Service Commission. An annual report will be prepared by each agency for submission to both houses of Congress and the Attorney General. Mr. Proctor noted that the Directorate needs to develop procedures for implementing and monitoring this activity. He also reminded those responsible for classifications to carefully review items to be classified and place such classifications at the lowest possible level. If there is doubt between two classifications, pick the lowest.

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1. Mr. Walsh announced that he attended a meeting of the Board of Foreign Visitors and the Board of Overseers to the Board of Foreign Visitors. The Board of Overseers rendered a decision to abolish both the Board of Foreign Visitors and the Board of Overseers to the Board of Foreign Visitors.

25X1A 2. [] reported that [] had advised him of a potential problem with mensuration in the future. 25X1A

25X1A 3. [] reported that there is no [] for today; 25X1A
25X1D there is no projected []

25X1A 4. Mr. Allen and [] will meet early next week with Messrs. 25X1A
[] to discuss a new approach to the Assessment.

25X1 5. Thursday and Friday of next week Mr. Allen will be at [] for a 25X1A
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25X1A 6. There is a small reorganization in OSR's front office. The 25X1A
Planning Staff has been divided into two staffs--Plans and Resources Staff headed by [] and the Production Requirements Staff headed by []

25X1A 7. [] reported that the PI position in [] will remain 25X1A
at least through June.

25X1A 8. [] announced that [] will be released from 25X1A
Graphics next Monday to attend a pre-Offutt indoctrination course then return to Graphics prior to going to Offutt.

25X1A 9. [] announced that the Notes session would be held at 25X1A
0930 tomorrow.

25X1A 10. [] gave out the tickets for Saturday's Open House.

25X1A 11. [] discussed the responsibility of the Division Chiefs 25X1A
to insure that more production activities of their people be monitored to insure they are important to the job. Attendance at meetings, movies, and training activities should be reviewed critically to insure they are appropriate. 25X1A

25X1A 12. [] will visit with the two new employees, [] 25X1A
[] at 1400 today.

25X1A 13. [] queried Mr. Walsh about the four items in hold. Mr. 25X1A
Walsh will look into the status of these items and inform us.